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NATIONAL ELK REFUGE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY MANAGER

National Elk Refuge Manager Barry Reiswig announced the retirement of Deputy Manager Steve Brock earlier this month, bringing to a close Brock's 30-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Brock is well known within both the Jackson Hole community and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Brock began his career with the National Wildlife Refuge System in Devils Lake, North Dakota where he, among others, pioneered protection strategies for the Service's wetland easement program. This difficult work resulted in saving tens of thousands of wetland acres threatened with drainage. The program became a model for wetland easement protection throughout the Midwest.

Brock also served at Medicine Lake (MT), Alamosa/Monte Vista (CO) and Ouray (UT) National Wildlife Refuges prior to coming to the National Elk Refuge in 1997.

While at the National Elk Refuge, Brock helped coordinate the extensive volunteer program, initiated a very successful weed control program in cooperation with Teton County Weed and Pest, skillfully guided the revamping of the Refuge's irrigation and land rehabilitation program, fed elk and bison during winter months, and conducted law enforcement activities. "The National Elk Refuge and the other locations where Steve served are better places because of his professional touch," said Barry Reiswig, Refuge Manager. "He is proud of his role in furthering values of the National Wildlife Refuge System and is a strong believer in its conservation mission."

Brock and his wife, Shirley, will remain in the Jackson, Wyoming area where Shirley is a kindergarten teacher for the Teton County School District.

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